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PA to hold 'national unity' talks with Hamas today

By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies
A meeting of the Palestinian Authority and opposition groups, including Hamas, is to be held in Gaza today and tomorrow in an attempt to find common ground in light of the latest deterioration in the peace process.
A preparatory meeting yesterday for what has been dubbed "national unity" talks dealt with issues for the agenda. Hamas is

demanding release of its prisoners, and a united stand against US and Israeli pressure.
Yesterday, however, a human rights group reported that 10 Islamic activists pulled after the spate of bombings in March 1996 were re-arrested last Friday hours after being released on the orders of Palestinian Attorney-General Fayez Abu-Rattma.
Whether or not Hamas will participate, it

is significant that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat has called for the dialogue to include Hamas so soon after last month's Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombing, which Hamas praised and may have perpetrated.
"The talks are a national reaction...to the failed policy which is led by this stranger [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu and reaction to the collective punishment...and siege [of Palestinian territories]," said Palestinian Supplies Minister Abdel-Aziz

Shaheen after yesterday's meeting.
Above all, the talks are designed to show PA airlines opens in Gaza, Page 3
that Arafat does not take orders from Israel. By talking to Hamas instead of arresting its

leaders, he accomplishes this goal.
It represents "a refusal of the Israeli dictates to turn Yasser Arafat into a policeman getting orders from the Israeli Shin-Bet [the General Security Service]," Shaheen told Reuters.
Although there have been attempts at such dialogue before, which failed, this time it comes after the PA has taken several steps long called for by Hamas, including a boycott of Israeli goods and a refusal to

arrest Hamas activists based on a list supplied by Israel.
Jamil Mansour, a leading Islamic radical from Nablus, said in the Ramallah-based *Al-Ayam* daily yesterday that Hamas participation would depend on the agenda of the meeting. Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, Gaza's leading Hamas representative, said yesterday an acceptable agenda had been achieved.
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Restraint urged after rocket barrage

PM: If we don't have quiet, neither will Lebanon

By JAY BUSHINSKY and ARNEH O'SULLIVAN
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu termed Hizbullah's launching of Katyusha rockets at civilian targets in the Galilee yesterday "a most blatant violation" of the agreements concluded after last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath. He said that Israel will act to make sure this is not repeated.
Speaking during a visit to Kiryat Shmuna, Netanyahu warned that "if there is no quiet on the Israeli

side, there will be no quiet on the Lebanese side."
Despite the tough talk, the government's policy is evidently aimed at winding down the current escalation by refraining from instant retaliation.
Netanyahu and the cabinet members who accompanied him on his tour - Foreign Minister David Levy, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - indicated that Israel's objective is to reduce tensions in southern Lebanon and refrain from unnecessary confrontations.
"The immediate goal is to halt the cycle of escalation which does not serve the interest of any side," an official statement, issued by Netanyahu's media adviser Shai Bazak, said. Israel wants both the citizens of Israel and Lebanon to live in tranquility, it added.
At the policymaking level, however, Israel accused Hizbullah of multiple violations of the Grapes of Wrath agreement. "The ultimate breach was the launching of Katyushas at Kiryat Shmuna a week ago and again this morning all along the northern frontier," one official said.
A protest was submitted to the American chairman and French deputy chairman of the commission charged with probing violations of the Grapes of Wrath



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon (far left), and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman (second left) visit the Kiryat Shmuna home that suffered a direct hit in yesterday's Katyusha attack. (AP)

By ARNEH O'SULLIVAN
Political leaders and army commanders talked tough following yesterday's massive Katyusha attack on the North, but quietly urged restraint and a return to normal life.
Despite the heavy attack, injuries and damage were light. Three rocket salvos shattered the Galilee shortly after 7 a.m. They struck cities, a kibbutz, and empty fields. One Israeli man was lightly injured and a Lebanese woman was also reported hurt.
Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in response to the SLA shelling of Sidon on Monday, which killed at least six civilians and wounded some 35. But Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, appearing to support a return to calm, said his group is now interested in honoring the agreement not to attack civilians.
Many residents of the North, which was in the midst of its busy vacation season, spent the night in shelters and security rooms in anticipation of the barrage, even though the army had not called on residents to do so. Such a call came after the first rockets hit but was rescinded after several hours.
"There is a feeling that the story hasn't yet ended," said Hadash Butnick, of Kiryat Shmuna. "The army hasn't given us any instructions to take shelter, but no one is taking any chances. You can't rely on miracles."
Last night, the entire region was on alert.
Over 80 Katyushas were reportedly fired; the IDF confirmed that some 45 landed inside the country, most in open fields. UNIFIL sources said about three-quarters of the rockets hit in the Western Galilee and some fell into the sea.
The large number indicates that Hizbullah has no shortage of the 122 mm. rockets. It also appeared that Hizbullah tried to deliberately target unpopulated areas to avoid high casualties.
The IDF did not respond to the Katyushas, which were fired from a wide area inside south Lebanon. IDF sources said that the intention was to refrain from immediate action that could ignite the front.
"The IDF is ready, and it will continue to be ready on this and the other side of the border," Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told reporters in the Western Galilee. "If need be, we are

can take action. I hope very much, though, that lives will return to normal on both sides of the border. But if not, then we are here and we will do what is necessary."
A source in Northern Command said that there have been no unusual troop movements. He dismissed a report on Channel 2 last night of 155 mm. artillery headed across the border as being taken out of context.
"The intention is to return life to normal and the line is one of restraint," the source said.
In south Lebanon, hundreds of residents fled their homes in anticipation of Israeli retaliation. Reports said the refugees flooded into Tyre with their belongings strapped to their cars and set up a tent city.
The Katyusha attack called into question the effectiveness of the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group. Israel and Lebanon have both called for the group to meet. Reports from Lebanon said it will do so tomorrow at the UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura. It will be its 16th meeting since last year's cease-fire.
In Beirut, Nasrallah said that Hizbullah would order the Katyushas to cease if Israel did not strike at civilians. He said his organization was ready to abide by the agreement's "spirit and content, on condition that the side that violated it also abides by it."
In an interview with AP, Nasrallah sought to defuse the tension, saying both sides should "reach a situation whereby civilians feel safe."
The three rocket barrages began around 7 a.m. One rocket slammed into the Kalina family home in Kiryat Shmuna. Fortunately, the family was vacationing out of town.
"We thought of going home on Monday, but decided to stay for one more day because of the tension," said Inbal Kalina. "It's unbelievable how lucky we were."
Less fortunate was Ehad Mold, 49, a resident of the Golan Heights town of Katzrin. Mold was on his way to work in Kiryat Shmuna when a Katyusha exploded a few meters from his car. Shrapnel wounded him in the leg.
Elsewhere in the North, the rockets knocked down electric lines and hit a few structures, causing moderate damage. In Nahariya, patients housed in wooden structures outside the government hospital's main building were transferred to the basement, where they waited out the rocket attack.

A new diagnosis for the power hungry

By JUDY SIEGEL
What do Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Pol Pot have in common? An Israeli psychotherapist has suggested the introduction of a new diagnostic category: excessive power strivings.
Writing in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, Dr. Israel Charny of the Hebrew University suggests that none of the existing categories in the psychiatric "bible," the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV*, is relevant to the issues of excessive power-seeking, corruption, and destructiveness.
Charny, who teaches at the uni-

versity's Martin Buber Center, notes that "excessive power strivings poison the personality of the individual... and do unacceptable harm to other peoples' lives."
The DSM-IV conventionally catalogues psychiatric disorders that affect patients' own selves; Charny's suggestion would be a condition in which a person harms others.
Charny posits that a political leader can be deemed disturbed when he defines a target population as "undeserving," "inferior," or "enemies of the people"; forces a murderous population transfer; calls on followers or coerces them to commit mass murder-suicide; or is prepared to send people who oppose him into psychiatric hospitals, work camps, concentration camps, and killing fields.

Northern settlements on strike today

By BATSHEVA TSUR
Angry heads of northern border communities have called a general strike for today to protest against their economic situation.
They also decided to send letters to ministers and MKs, telling them to refrain from visiting them after Katyusha attacks so as to avoid making more empty promises.
The council heads also said they would not open schools unless promises for education budgets were fulfilled.
Meanwhile, tourism in some areas

of the North was hard hit by the Katyusha barrage. "We had 15 percent cancellations from people who were due to come [yesterday and today]," said Dabi Ben-Ari, in charge of Kibbutz Kfar Blum's guest house. "But this stopped around noon when people heard that the area was quiet. Nevertheless, even this is a blow to us at the peak of the tourist season."
"This afternoon, people are out on field trips again," he said. "It sounds much worse when you are not here in the area."
As for the kibbutz members, "they

don't get excited about such situations and it is business as usual."
A clerk at another kibbutz guest house said there had been "considerable cancellations in the region."
At the Frank Hotel in Nahariya, receptionist Sigal Lev-Ari said that there had been no cancellations. "The hotel is almost 100% full," she said.
President Ezer Weizman, who toured the North yesterday with his wife Reuma, called on vacationers to stay on. He praised the government's policy of restraint, saying that escalation would lead nowhere. "Hurting tourism is playing into the hands of the enemy," Weizman said.
Aryeh Dean Cohen adds: The Education Ministry, at the request of the IDF, yesterday banned trips by summer school groups and youth movements to areas north of the Nahariya-Safed-Rosh Pina road.
The ministry stressed that the move was taken in consultation with the IDF and that the ministry does not issue such orders without first being asked to do so by security officials.

Jane's: Syria deploying tanks near Golan

LONDON (AP) - The Syrian army has deployed upgraded T-55 tanks from Ukraine in forward positions near the Golan Heights, *Jane's Defense Weekly* reported yesterday.
Syria has ordered 200 T-55s from Ukraine and its army has taken delivery of the first batch, it said.
The report follows last week's claim by Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Eliassir that Syria is preparing for war, while it declares it is ready to talk peace.
Ben-Eliassir alleged that Syria is trying very hard to rebuild its military. He said Syria has 600 to 700 missiles and noted that Ukrainian technicians are updating World War II-vintage T-55 tanks that Damascus had received from the former Soviet Union.

Damage estimate: NIS 500,000

Yesterday's Katyusha barrage caused some NIS 200,000 in damage to farm land and NIS 300,000 to homes, the Income Tax and Property Tax Commission said in a statement.
Most of the damage involved blown out windows, though one home in Kiryat Shmuna suffered a direct hit.
Residents of that home were evacuated and the contents of their home were put into storage. A guard was also stationed at their home.
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NEWS

in brief

Army destroys Beit Sahur explosives

The IDF yesterday detonated several dozen kilograms of explosives from the Beit Sahur bomb factory discovered by the Palestinian Police last month. The explosives were handed over to the IDF by CIA officials, who had acted as an intermediary between the Israeli security forces and Palestinians security officials.

The explosives were detonated by IDF sappers in an open area between the village of Umm Tuba on the outskirts of Jerusalem and Beit Sahur.

Margot Dudkevitch

Susskin's trial to begin today

The trial of Tatiana Susskin, charged with posting the Mohammed-as-a-pig leaflets in Hebron and throwing rocks at an Arab car, is to open today in Jerusalem District Court, with Susskin to be asked how she pleads to the charges against her.

Her attorney, Shmuel Caspar, is considering not entering a plea, but asking for another psychiatric evaluation to determine if she is fit to stand trial. He will also offer a list of people to whose homes Susskin could be released to house arrest, after Supreme Court Justice Ya'acov Kedmi ruled she could not be released to her boyfriend's home.

Tim

Mekel named to Washington embassy

Consul-General in Atlanta Arye Mekel has been appointed information attaché at the embassy in Washington. Mekel has been posted in Atlanta for the past four years. The information attaché's term normally is three years.

Before his service in the diplomatic corps, Mekel worked as Israel Radio's political correspondent, was a senior political adviser to prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, and served as director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Jay Bushinsky

Free passage deal reached between Eilat and Akaba

Israeli and Jordanian officials yesterday agreed to grant free passage between Eilat and Akaba to 150 businesspeople respectively and to open consulates in the two cities next week.

This was a direct outcome of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's summit meeting with Jordan's King Hussein last week. The arrangements were made by representatives of the Foreign Ministry and a delegation of Jordanian officials headed by Akaba's governor, Fayez Dahounch.

The agreement also calls for bilateral cooperation on ecological problems.

Jay Bushinsky

Ya'alon: Hizbullah is committed to agreement

By LIAT COLLINS

Hizbullah sees itself as committed to the Grapes of Wrath understandings, but felt the need to respond to Monday's attacks on civilians by the South Lebanese Army with Katyusha rockets, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing, Ya'alon also noted that it was the first time that the Lebanese Army had fired on the Jezzine enclave.

He said that it is clear that Hizbullah has been restrained by Syria and still operates under Syrian auspices, although it does take independent action.

Ya'alon said there is a clear struggle going on within the Hizbullah between former secretary-general Subhi Tufeli and current secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah.

He said the Lebanese Army is operating against Tufeli's branch, which called for a war on the Lebanese government, and has apparently had some success in reducing its actions.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid condemned as "unforgivable" all attacks on civilians, whether in Kiryat Shmona, Jezzine, or Sidon.

"Hizbullah is carrying out crimes against humanity in south Lebanon and northern Israel, but the South Lebanese Army, as our ally, should under no circumstances follow in Hizbullah's footsteps," Sarid said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and the IDF must make it absolutely clear to [SLA commander Gen. Antoine] Lahad that Israel will not tolerate indiscriminate firing on centers of population."

Ran Cohen (Meretz) warned that the heavy fire on Sidon was the result of a lack of control over the SLA, which he called a "very dangerous situation."

Regarding Syria, Ya'alon said Damascus prefers the option of renewing negotiations, with the crux of the matter being the entire Golan Heights, but is operating in other directions — such as increasing ties with Iran — to show that it is able to gain the Golan by force if it chooses. These ties are apparently a signal

to the US to get the talks back on track. He said that there has been a slight warming of relations between Syria and Iraq, but they are still at a low level and can mainly be seen in opening the border to allow goods to cross into Iraq for humanitarian purposes.



Rivka Vaizel surveys the damage a Katyusha rocket did to her granddaughter's room in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

(Avihu Shapiro/Israel Sun)

Weizman backs residents of North

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman last night came out in support of the criticism of the authorities voiced by angry residents of settlements in the North.

But he also praised the government's policy of restraint, saying that only a diplomatic solution with Syria could bring quiet to the area.

Weizman and his wife Reuma expressed their solidarity with the northern settlements by spending the night in a hotel near the border.

"The policy of restraint is wise. It has its limits but right now, it's the correct thing to do... The citizens would not like to see an escalation," Weizman told Channel 1.

Turning to the complaints voiced by the civilians he had met during his tour, Weizman said: "It's not possible that when the Katyushas hit, government representatives arrive here and try to start solving problems."

"There is, unfortunately, damage from earlier Katyusha attacks: there are unrepaired holes in roofs, damage to the tourist trade... The criticism is quite justified. Why do they have to suggest building a new neighborhood today? Couldn't this have been suggested before?"

Weizman said he had visited a kibbutz where not everyone has a security room. "I strongly suggest that the treatment of the North be ongoing and not just at the moment when something happens," he said.

Sarid turns down UN trip

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid yesterday turned down an invitation to join a delegation led by Foreign Minister David Levy to the UN in September. Sarid, a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, was invited to join the delegation as an adviser.

Sarid said he could not be a member of a delegation whose political message is completely unacceptable to him. "This government's policies are fraught with dangers and I will not serve as a fig leaf. I would be deceiving myself if I did not say in New York all I say in Jerusalem," he said.

Commenting on Sarid's decision, Levy said it was "regrettable and contrary to Israel's governmental tradition." *(Liat Collins)*

NEWSLINE

with Ephraim Sneh

Labor MK Ephraim Sneh, a reserve brigadier-general is a former commander of the IDF forces in south Lebanon.

OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said yesterday that Hizbullah is willing to abide by the understandings reached following the Grapes of Wrath Campaign, but felt it had to respond to the attack on it by using its main strategic weapon. Do you agree with this assessment?

Katyushas are one of Hizbullah's means, not its only one. The damage and casualties Hizbullah inflicts on us are not from Katyushas but from land mines, roadside devices and anti-tank missiles. Katyushas are its only means of reaching Israel.

Do you then see this escalating as Hizbullah gets more sophisticated weapons?

I think escalation is measured in the frequency of attacks, not necessarily the type of weapon used. Hizbullah is looking for a pretext. We can expect an escalation if it is in the interests of Syria and Iran.

What is the role of these two countries in the hostilities?

When there is an escalation in Lebanon, it is the result of a Syrian and Iranian decision.

What about the Lebanese government? Is it not involved at all?

It's an illusion to think a sovereign government exists in Lebanon. There is only a puppet government run by the Syrians. Those who blame the Lebanese are only doing so to avoid blaming the real ruler of Lebanon, which is Syria.

Do you mean that only an agreement with Syria can bring peace in Lebanon?

Yes. Only through a comprehensive agreement with Syria can quiet be reached in Lebanon.

What about Hizbullah? What if we reach an agreement with Syria and find that, like Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, there is a rejectionist terror organization which keeps fighting?

The disarming of Hizbullah would be an indispensable and integral condition to peace in Lebanon, if we speak about peace with Lebanon, and that means normalization. There will be no normalization in Lebanon if there is an armed, pro-Iranian militia remaining inside it.

Would this work if we don't also reach an agreement with Iran?

One of our conditions for peace with Syria must be for it to disarm the pro-Iranian militia. If it isn't ready to do so, there will be no value to the peace. We can certainly expect this of [Syrian President Hafez] Assad. He's the person who slaughtered 20,000 Islamists in Hama. He certainly knows how to subdue Islamic radicals.

What has happened to the relationship between Israel and the South Lebanese Army? Why are we suddenly seeing harmful independent actions?

There is usually very tight coordination. But you have to understand what preceded Monday's events. The two children that had been killed were the orphans of a senior SLA officer whose two brothers were also killed by Hizbullah. So it is a family which has suffered a lot, and this caused a furious reaction. It's understandable.

The second point is that this was in the Jezzine area, where there are no IDF officers. With no liaison officers, coordination is of course not as tight as in other areas.

Does the struggle within Hizbullah play a role in the escalation of hostilities?

There is an internal struggle, but we are always in conflict with them; we are not the victims of this struggle.

You are against a unilateral IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, so what is your solution?

To reach a comprehensive agreement with Syria. It's the only way. Until then, we must continue to fight them as we do.

This means more guerrilla warfare?

Yes. Our troops there are doing an excellent job. We are winning the war in Lebanon.

How do you know we're winning?

Look at the number of tourists in upper Galilee. And remember that from July 1985 to August 1997, only six Israelis [civilians] have been killed. Consider these two facts together and you'll see who won the war.

Liat Collins

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in brief

Ramat Hovav to undergo epidemiological survey

The Health and Environment ministries yesterday agreed to conduct an epidemiological survey of staffers of the Ramat Hovav dump in the Negev and of neighboring residents and to prepare joint policy regarding the site as a sanitation hazard. A plan for conducting the survey will be presented within two months, and a joint team will recommend what tests need to be conducted, study the data, and decide whether the dump site poses any danger to staffers and residents of the area. This will be the first-ever epidemiological survey of this area, the Health Ministry said. *Judy Siegel*

Olmert: Histadrut move decision 'grave'

The Histadrut's decision not to move its headquarters from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is "really grave," Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday. "It's really unfortunate that they made this decision," he said. Last week, following disagreements between Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, the Histadrut decided to revoke the decision to move its headquarters to Jerusalem. The Treasury, which had previously said that it would takeover the Histadrut's Tel Aviv offices, said that it could not afford to renovate them. Histadrut employees' complaints about the commute also contributed to the final decision, Olmert said. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Bashari new Science Ministry D-G

Dr. Mordechai Bashari was yesterday appointed director-general of the Science Ministry, replacing Zvi Yanai, who asked to leave after four years in the post. Science Minister Michael Eitan had consulted on the appointment with Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who is due to take over as science minister in 11 months under a rotation agreement. Bashari has a doctorate in theoretical physics and was previously deputy director-general and chief scientist of the Communications Ministry. In recent years, he has been a private adviser to industry. *Judy Siegel*

Ayalon Mall refuse could have poisoned Yarkon

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Refuse discarded at the site of the Ayalon Mall could have blocked the free flow of the Yarkon River and led to the massive build-up of toxins that poisoned victims of the Maccabiah disaster last month. Nehama Ronen, director-general of the Environment Ministry, told the Knesset State Control

Committee yesterday that shopping trolleys and other garbage from the mall were thrown into the river. "The rivers in Israel are filled with trash, not with water," she said.

But a Health Ministry expert, Shalom Goldberger, said that there might be more than one factor that had led to the toxic buildup. The tests had revealed that there was a variety of toxins, he said.

A gloomy picture of the future of the country's drinking water was also painted by an expert from the local councils authority, who said that the failure to bury batteries in home use in a safe place is leading to extensive pollution. A few kilograms of nickel-cadmium from these batteries is enough to poison millions of cubic meters of water and it is imperative to collect batteries separately from other

garbage, he said. The meeting was called by chairman Yossi Katz (Labor), despite the Knesset's summer recess. "In other countries, governments fall over environmental issues, while here everyone is apathetic," Katz said. He noted that the state comptroller's report had come down exceptionally heavily on the disposal of dangerous waste products at the

Ramat Hovav dump. Ronen added that the council running the dump had not begun operating the burner that had become operable a month ago and that various other ecological defects had not been corrected. Katz said that the Ramat Hovav site is suffering because of disputes between the ministry and the council. He called on the prime minister to intervene and save the situation.

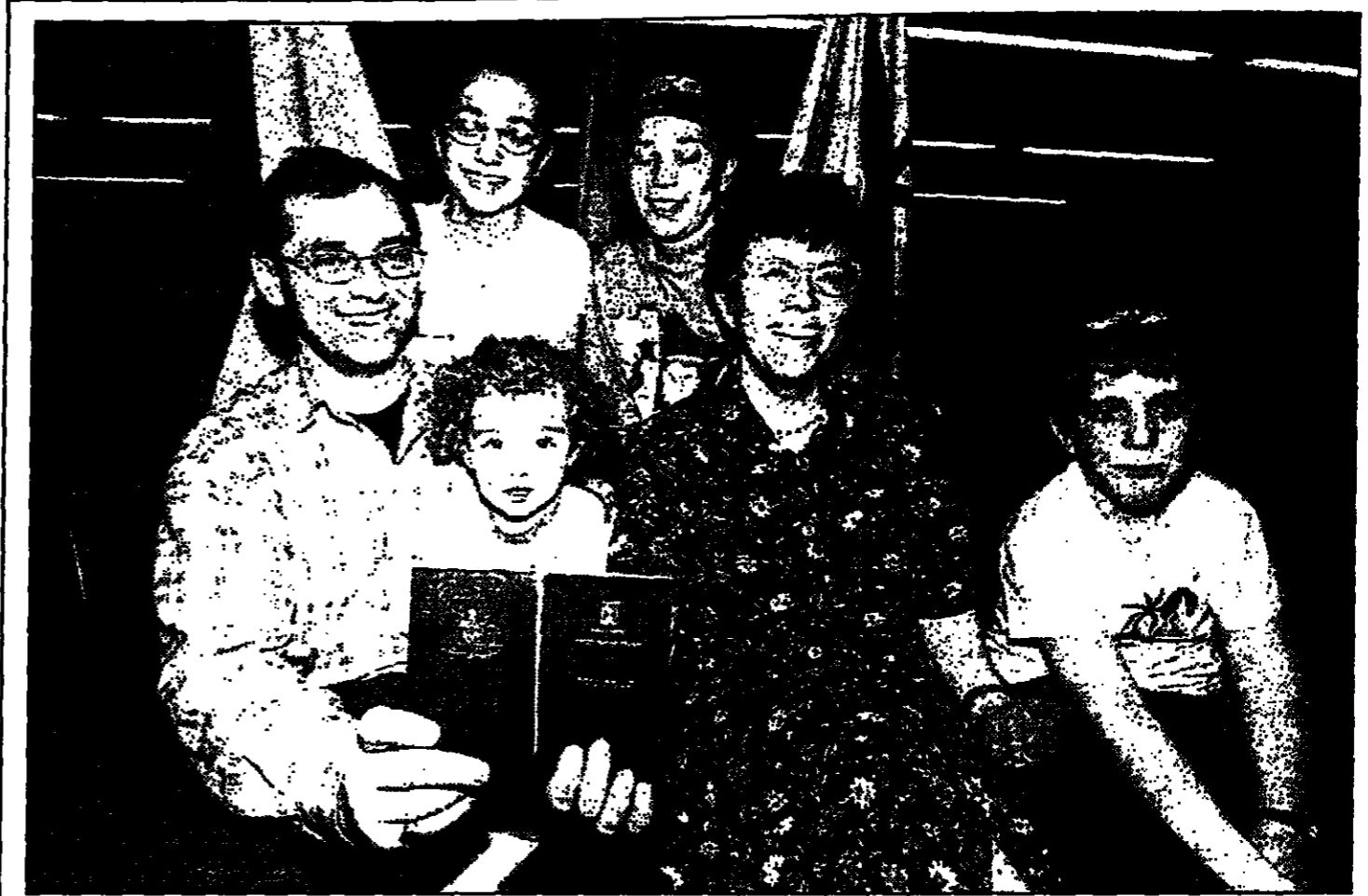
Ministry eases controls on drugs

By JUDY SIEGEL

Major changes in the supervision and control of pharmaceuticals will be made as a result of decisions made by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday. According to the ministry, drugs from the US, Canada and the European Union - which have already been licensed for use in the original country - will be approved for use here by the Health Ministry in a speedy process. In addition, the entire registration process of drugs from any other countries will be carried out in up to three months; now it can take many more months or even years.

A committee appointed by ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash will next week present its recommendations on setting the prices of imported drugs, and guidelines will be issued during the first half of September. Parallel imports of medications - by entrepreneurs and health funds in addition to official importers - will begin from early 1998. The ministry said that a special committee will formulate new policies for price supervision of locally manufactured drugs; the committee will consist of representatives from the Health and Finance ministries, as well as outsiders.

Matza said that these changes will bring about major savings in the health system and lower the cost of medications by 20% to 40%. Matza said that after launching these efficiency measures, he feels he has "a moral basis" for demanding that the Treasury do its part to finance the deficits in the health system.



Welcome, Aussies

Members of the Lazar family show off their oleh certificate alongside their Australian passports at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday shortly after arriving as part of a group of 23 new immigrants. The 23 were the largest number of Australians to arrive on any one day. They boosted the total number who have immigrated from that country this year to 86. (Gideon Markovitz)

Where to stay in Israel

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HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAL YUDELMAN

Ha'aretz's business editor Nehemia Strassler commended Prof. Yehuda Friedlander, rector of Bar-Ilan University, yesterday for saving the university's honor when he exposed the yeshivot as a shelter for idlers who are shirking army service at the Treasury's expense. No wonder the fundamentalist

functionaries jumped on him, Strassler says, quoting Shas MK Shlomo Benizri, who said the yeshiva students, who evade military service, are the ones protecting the nation. Until when will the free majority listen to this babble, demands Strassler. "Until when will they 'kill them-

selves in the tents of Torah' while the sons of the secular majority are buried in the graveyards? Until when will we finance these parasites with our money?" he asks. Strassler notes that Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai of Shas, who laments the rise in unemployment, has declared all-out war on kibbutzim that open shops and restaurants on Shabbat in an effort to make ends meet. The kibbutzim are trying to make a living, "but Yishai doesn't understand this humanist morality, he doesn't understand anyone who tries to live by his own labor without needing charity." Strassler suggests fighting the haredim back with legislation that would enforce compulsory military service for everyone and stop state allocations for the yeshivot. This last will be a death blow to the yeshiva industry, which will cease providing a shelter for idlers and shirkers. The haredi strength will decrease, "because how many young men will study Torah without getting an exemption from military service and state financing?" Citing the Turkish government's legislation restricting Islamic education as an example, Strassler notes Ankara understood that if it did not take firm action, the fundamentalists would win and drag Turkey back to being an extremist, backward Moslem state. "When will they understand that here?" he asks.

The politics of unemployment *Ha'aretz's* editorial deals with the connection between unemployment and politics, reminding us that the big growth momentum began after the signing of the Oslo agreements by the previous government. This led to the lifting of the Arab boycott, the opening of new markets and a stream of foreign investments. The government's economic policy of budget cuts and reforms is a step in the right direction. But it appears that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's sabotaging of the peace process, together with the terrorist attacks and long closure, have caused the change in the economic atmosphere, the economic slowdown and the increase in unemployment. Against privatization *Ma'ariv's* Ya'acov Yona, however, says the government's privatization drive will cause only damage, more unemployment and deterioration of services. Taking Bezeq as an example, Yona warns that after the stage of market penetration - tempting the public with lower prices - ends, the prices will rise again and the

communication services will deteriorate. By then, of course, hundreds of Bezeq workers will have been fired. Instead of preserving and cultivating Bezeq, Israel's national communications company, the government did its best to eliminate the company's achievements and sell off parts of it to a foreign broker behind the workers' management's and even the communication minister's backs. At the same time, the workers find themselves depicted by government spokesmen and economic reporters as a gang of monopolistic, mafia-like parasites who are trying to deprive us of progress and almost free telephone calls. Yona points out that no company which has been privatized has employed any additional workers, only fired workers. The workers' wages and conditions were not improved, only worsened, while their unions have been weakened or eliminated. In some cases tycoons purchased a company only to dissolve it, having wanted only the real estate it was situated on. Bibi and the cheerleaders *Ha'aretz's* Hanna Kim focuses on the organized "spontaneous" groups which materialize in the most inappropriate places to demonstrate their support for Netanyahu. One such bizarre spectacle took place outside the Caesarea villa where the Netanyahus were vacationing ever to be held in Israel in support of a prime minister's vacation. Who are these anonymous demonstrators, wonders Kim, who are more disturbed by Netanyahu's image plight than by the stalemate in the peace process, the breakdown of relations with the Arab world, the increase in unemployment, the threat of a general strike and the possibility that the school year won't begin on time? At first they were presented by Channels 1 and 2 as Caesarea residents who prepared a "warm welcome" for the prime minister. Then it turned out they were either a group from Pardess Hanna (*Ha'aretz*) or Likud members from settlements near Caesarea (*Ma'ariv*). No less bizarre was the demonstration at the opening of the court case by former nanny Tania Shaw against Sara Netanyahu, where an anonymous group demonstrated against Shaw and in support of Netanyahu. Both demonstrations smell of distant regimes, says Kim.

Love knows no age

Even when the bloom is supposedly off the rose, love springs eternal. Experts agree that there is no age limit on love and sex, Bettijane Levine reports

It was a day like any other when Florence Courts meandered into a furniture store.

Then, bam! It hit her.

"Like a lightning bolt. A thunder jolt. It literally threw me off my feet and I had to sit down," she says of meeting heartthrob Art Sherman. He's the tall, athletic, fun-loving guy who sold her four chairs and etched himself indelibly in her heart. They stayed in touch.

Sixteen years later, after Art's wife died, he and Florence began to date.

"It's been a wild, passionate roller-coaster ride ever since," Florence reports. "Together we just click," says Art. "We're possibly the two happiest people on Earth." On June 9, they celebrated their first wedding anniversary. She's 81; he's 79.

Do old people have sex? Do they experience real romantic love? Do they feel the same yearnings, churning, giddy desire, agonizing intensity — and the same serene fulfillment when they find the perfect mate — that we usually think of as the exclusive province of the young?

The answer is yes, yes, yes, to all the above.

What's more, these questions are being asked with greater frequency as people live longer, divorce later, and become widows and widowers at advanced ages but are often still in good health. They are alone on life's road once again ... and looking for love.

And that's why more families of old people are noticing — often with some embarrassment — that Grandma or Grandpa is acting oddly adolescent these days: Worrying if the phone will ring. Wondering what to wear on a date. Spending hours with friends to plan romantic strategies. And sometimes (horror!) staying out

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they are in," says Rutgers University anthropologist Helen Fisher, author of *The Anatomy of Love* (W.W. Norton & Co., 1992).

And as the huge baby boomer generation gets older, we'll be hearing much more about all this, Fisher says. "Until now, our culture defined old people as sexually and romantically dead. We were wrong." Harold Goodman and Marj Lintz were married 44 years — to other people.

Each had enjoyed life's bounty, and neither expected much more. Then, widower Harold went bowling and met widow Marj.

"She was it," he says emphatically. "I was overwhelmed by him," she recalls. By the second date, they knew that this was something "different and special." Very shortly thereafter, they knew that this was love.

"You cannot call it companion-

ship. Or friendship. We would never have moved in together for that," Marj says.

"No, indeed," says Harold, trying hard to explain the depth of their union, and succeeding with three little words: "We are one." If they had met earlier in life, they say, they would have probably married each other instead of the spouses they chose. "We were each happily married," Marj explains, "but not like this. For this ... there are no words."

They have lived and loved for the past nine years in a pristine, light-filled cottage in Los Angeles from which they sally forth to dine, dance, bowl, golf, act in commercials (he was a retired insurance agency owner when "discovered" as an actor at age 72). Now, they're "the Miller Lite couple," advertising beer in a striking TV commercial, by groping each other while rolling around on a sofa, teen-age style.

Harold is 92. Marjorie is 80. What they really advertise best is their ardor's agelessness.

The dynamic of elder love is not very different from that of any other kind of love, experts say.

Only two factors mitigate against it: the absence of suitable partners (there are many more older women than men) and severe illness (with advanced age, physical problems tend to crop up). But if a person remains relatively healthy and is lucky enough to find a mate, then it's business as usual, doctors and social scientists say.

"People remain sensual and sexual until they die. There is no age at which it ends," says Dr. Loren Lipson, head of the geriatric division at University of Southern California School of Medicine.

"When you are 85 and fall for someone, you act goofy and gaga and hold hands and do the same romantic things you might have



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done 65 years before. Younger people tend to think that's yucky," Lipson says. "Old people are supposed to be over the hill in that regard. Of course, they are anything but."

The sexual yearnings of an older person are not met just by sex itself, he says, "but by holding, touching and communicating — the same as it is supposed to be for younger people. Too many young people think 'the act' is all there is to sex," he says.

Dr. Gary Small, a psychiatrist and director of UCLA's Center on Aging, says: "What we now know shatters all the standard myths: that older people don't experience passion, have no interest in sex, or that the norm is to become feeble-minded or get Alzheimer's disease. Gerontologists have studied all this." Only five percent of the population above age 65 gets Alzheimer's.

Above age 80, the percentage rises, he adds. "But as long as

someone is in reasonable health," romance and all that goes with it is an option few would refuse, no matter how old they are, he says. "Older people do feel desire ... and they are able to satisfy it."

Anthropologist Fisher explains that women's sex drive tends to peak in their late 20s or early 30s, and then remains the same in most women after menopause as before.

Men's sex drive is highest in their early 20s "and then goes slowly down until somewhere in middle age, when the sex drive in men and women becomes quite equalized," she says. This creates a perfect path, she says, for satisfying late-life love.

Anthropologist Fisher says there's no surprise about this, once you understand how love operates. Now writing a book about romantic love in the 21st century, Fisher says the thunderbolt of emotion "can hit you at any age. And the essential elements of it never change." She is studying the

physiology of romantic love and believes that although men and women both experience some lessening of sexual prowess and physical satisfaction as they age, they seem to experience "much greater emotional satisfaction from their sexual activity." They enjoy more foreplay, tenderness, intimacy.

Can they enjoy sex?

"In some ways, they will enjoy it more than ever before; in other ways, not as much," says Fisher. She believes the brain is "deeply wired with circuitry" for basic mating emotions that have been in place over millions of years.

Lust: "A tremendous thirst and craving for sexual gratification that lasts through old age."

Romance: "The exhilaration, euphoria, intrusive thinking, the sleeplessness and loss of appetite. The big craving for emotional union. This is governed by a different circuitry and a different set of chemicals."

Attachment: "That's the sense of calm, peace and serenity that people find with a particular partner, and that can happen at any age."

Nothing changes about this physiology as we get older, Fisher maintains. What has changed is the times. As people live longer and remain healthier, a lot more elderly are in "a perfect position to go out there and have a wild, emotional, teen-age romance." The truth is, it never ends. The yearning, the churning, the biological urges and the passion for romance that used to be thought of as characteristic of youth.

Fisher tells the story of one elderly man who "escaped" from an old-age home on a bicycle and rode 100 miles to a place where the senior set meet every winter in Arizona. "This guy pulled in on his bike, met a neat woman, and for the last two years they've been traveling the country in her RV, having a wonderful love affair." (AP)

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PARENTING



Massaging your infant or baby can be one of the most rewarding, relaxing activities you can do with your child. (Israel Talby)

Communicating through massage

By RUTH MASON

The Indians (from India) have been doing it for centuries. During the past few decades, Americans have begun to catch on.

Massaging your infant or baby can be one of the most rewarding, relaxing activities you can share with your child. You don't have to be a professional masseuse to massage your baby. Some hospitals and private instructors offer courses on infant massage, which can be fun and worthwhile. There are also many books on the market that give step-by-step instructions.

I recommend *Loving Hands* by Frederick Leboyer, the noted French obstetrician who wrote *Birth Without Violence*, and *Infant Massage, A Handbook for Loving Parents* by Vimala Schneider McClure, who learned infant massage in India.

When you massage your baby, you create a quiet time and space for just the two of you. It's

also a good way for the baby's father to have some special time with her.

Look into your baby's eyes as you massage her gently. Your caring touch is a gift you can give your child, and you can do so right from birth. In fact, research shows that premature babies who are massaged regularly do much better than those who do not get massaged. And we all know the importance of touch to the developing human being.

And in these stressful times, a daily massage can relax not only your infant but you as well. It is also a way for you to communicate your love concretely to your baby. And you feel good because you know you're doing something nurturing and helpful for your child.

In a course for infant massage instructors that I took while I was living in the US, we were told to tell the baby — no matter how young — that we were going to massage her. Rub your hands with oil (preferably cold-pressed almond oil) so your baby

can see what you are doing and say something like, "I'm going to massage you now, okay?" And wait for a response. If the baby smiles or just keeps looking at you, take it as a sign that you may proceed.

If you want, you might sing as you massage. Be sure to stay in contact with your baby through your eyes and your smile as well as your hands. Try to relax and breathe deeply as you massage.

Full instructions can be found in one of the books mentioned above or any other book on baby massage. Here are instructions for massaging the legs and feet; it's best to start with those.

Undress your baby completely or, if you prefer, leave the diaper on. Be sure the room is warm. After you have "asked permission," tell her you will massage her feet and legs. Lift one of the baby's legs while holding the ankle. With your other hand, start at the top of the thigh and gently squeeze the leg, going from top to bottom. Alternate hands as you do this. After you've done so a few times, hold

the leg as if you were holding a baseball bat and move your hands up and down the leg together, turning in opposite directions and squeezing lightly.

To massage the foot, rub the sole gently with your thumb. Squeeze each toe gently. Make small circles around the ankle with your thumb.

Then reverse the squeezing procedure to go from ankle to hip. To finish, roll the leg between your hands from the knee to the ankle.

When you've completed one leg, move on to the other.

Watch your baby's response and be sensitive. If he seems to enjoy it, keep going. If he cries or fusses, pick him up and comfort him and then try again. Most babies under the crawling age absolutely adore massage. Older babies who are used to it may agree to lie still for a massage after they are crawling, but babies also have an intense need to move at this stage and may not have the "patience" for massage.

Good luck!

Gussie and Clyde

Gussie and Clyde Latham of Spur, Texas, know all about late-life love. They've been married three years. He's 87; she's 84.

But Clyde's 53-year-old son, New York-based writer Aaron Latham, was not prepared for his father's late-life love.

"It was totally unanticipated" and at first seemed "a bit bizarre," Aaron Latham says.

Only a few years before, the son had spent weeks with his father in his dying mother's hospital room, trying to ease his dad's profound despair, wondering how the older man would survive the death of the woman he had loved so deeply for so many years.

Indeed, his father seemed to fall apart after his mother's death, which spurred the son to start calling Texas every night from New York, to see how his dad was doing.

Soon, he couldn't get through.

Clyde was on the phone with Gussie, a woman who'd moved from Spur to Sacramento, Calif., 70 years before. A woman Clyde hadn't laid eyes on in more than 50 years. A woman whose husband had died at about the same time as his own beloved wife.

And a woman for whom, it seems, Clyde had nursed a secret soft spot since he was a teen-ager.

After months of phone calls, Gussie promised to visit Clyde in Texas. Then she canceled. Then she promised and canceled again. And again. And again.

Each cancellation sent Clyde, a retired high school football coach, into deeper depression. It seemed to his son from afar. He started disliking this woman for hurting his dad, even though he didn't know her.

Gussie's family was equally protective. At first, her married daughter wanted to travel with her. That plan was scrapped, and the nervous Gussie decided to brave it alone.

After many aborted attempts, she finally made the trip with only four changes of clothes. This was to be her graceful way out, she later explained. When she'd worn each outfit once, there would be nothing left to wear and she'd have the perfect excuse to go home.

As it turned out, Gussie and Clyde were like powerful magnets that, once connected, could not easily be pried apart. They couldn't take their eyes off each other. Couldn't stop chattering to each other. Didn't endure a dull moment in that two-horse town. Or find a dark cloud in that huge West Texas sky, no matter how bad the weather was.

The day Gussie left, Clyde was desolate again. He got his daughter-in-law, Lesley Stahl (of *60 Minutes* fame), on the phone.

"Would Aaron be upset if I got married again?" he asked. She didn't think so, she said.

So Clyde packed a bag, flew to Sacramento, asked for Gussie's hand and called New York to say they were going to elope.

The younger Latham, aghast at the speediness of it all, asked, "Do you really know this woman? Don't you think you should slow down?"

"I'm in my 80s; I don't have time to slow down," Clyde replied.

Soon the younger Latham flew to Texas to visit the newlyweds. He found them sleeping side by side in their twin reclining chairs, holding hands.

The Ballad of Gussie & Clyde (Villard) is Aaron Latham's just-published literary tribute to the tender beauty of his father's newfound love. (AP)

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ELANA CHIPMAN

For those interested in American culture, you may want to watch Lenny Bruce on ITV 3 (33) at 10:20 p.m. This 70-minute documentary paints a profile of one of America's most influential comedians.



John Cusack (center) stars as a hitman in 'Grosse Pointe Blank.'

If you are more inclined towards British culture, go for Death of an Expert Witness, a six-part mystery series based on a book by P.D. James, on ETV 2 (23), at 10:50 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

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American suburbs as the banal, upper-middle-class equivalent of coming of age in hell. With Dan Aykroyd, Alan Arkin and Joan Cusack, John's real-life sister. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

***★1/2 THE ENGLISH PATIENT - Watching Anthony Minghella's Oscar-winning film after absorbing the clouds of second-hand smoke blown our way by the PR people and by positive, if five-month-old, word of mouth from friends abroad, it's hard to grasp exactly what the great fuss was about.

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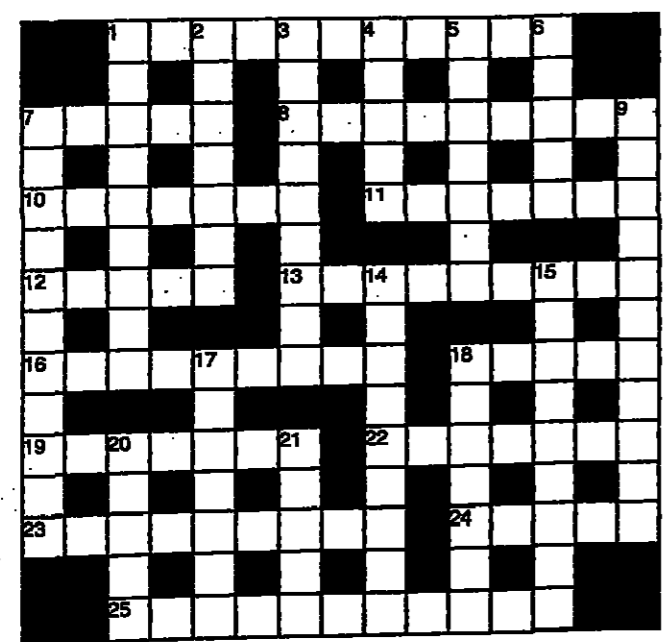
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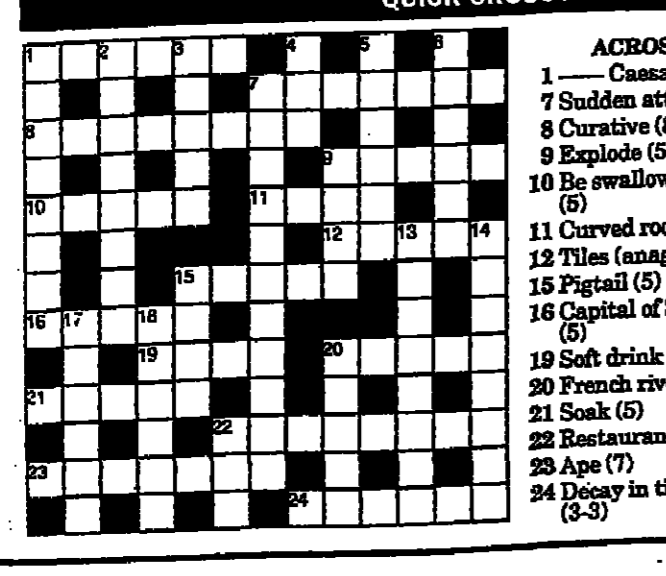
- ACROSS
1 A couple of gasps at the clothing! (4,2,5)
7 Left man some cotton yarn (5)
8 Long-established procedure, surprisingly rationed it, no energy (8)
10 Conductor at Rome's frolic (7)
11 Song about interminable belt in an American state (7)
12 A way in New York that's very unpleasant (5)
13 Gelatine has been poured out? (9)
14 Head angry about bloomer (8)
15 Unsettled? (5)
16 In French church, worker has charm (7)
17 Not an inside job at the remote settlement (7)
18 Old song by one having skin eruption (9)
19 Man landed in Scotland (5)
20 Progressed with the construction of an arch? (4,7)
21 Had been mad? (9)
22 Inappropriately distributing plenty after lunch-time (7)
23 Defeating in an election but overruling it? (9)



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ACROSS: 1 Flaque, 4 Eight, 8 Noise, 9 Present, 10 Meander, 11 Mera, 12 End, 14 Seen, 15 East, 18 Get, 21 Easy, 23 Eerie, 25 Adhere.

QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
1 Caesar (6)
7 Sudden attack (7)
8 Curative (8)
9 Explode (5)
10 Be swallowed up (6)
11 Curved roof (4)
12 Tiles (anag) (6)
15 Pigeon (5)
16 Capital of Senegal (6)
19 Soft drink (4)
20 French river (5)
21 Soak (5)
22 Restaurant (8)
23 Ape (7)
24 Decay in timber (3-3)
DOWN
1 Tale of woe (8)
2 Humorous verse (8)
3 Disproportionate (6)
4 Solidify (3)
5 N Atlantic islands (6)
6 Treble (6)
7 Middle Eastern country (5,6)
9 Give out (4)
13 Manual worker (8)
14 Forbearing (8)
15 Support (4)
17 Lawsuit (6)
18 Vineyard (6)
20 Shaver (5)
22 Fold (3)

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Let's go fly a kite Families gather yesterday at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem for the museum's 12th annual kite-flying event. It included a demonstration of kites from around the world. (Isaac Harari)

Zuroff asks Australia to act against ex-Nazi

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Simon Wiesenthal Center yesterday asked the Australian government to act against Nazi war criminal Konrad Kales, who was due to land in Sydney last night after being deported from Canada on Monday. Efraim Zuroff, the center's Israel director, sent a letter to Australian Ambassador Ian Wilcox, urging the Australian government to either prosecute Kales under the Australian War Crimes Act, or to deport him. "Why should Australia, which sacrificed so many young men to defeat the Axis, afford a haven to someone like Kales?" he wrote. Zuroff hailed the Canadian decision to deport Kales, an officer in the notorious Araj Kommando which murdered tens of thousands of Jews in Latvia. "This is extremely important, because Canada used to prosecute Nazi war criminals on criminal charges, and wasn't very successful. The government only recently decided to deport them for immigration violations. Hopefully this change of tactics will bring positive results."

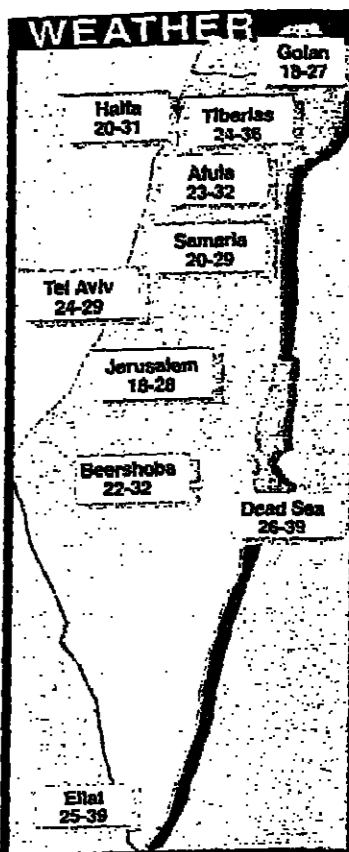
B'nai B'rith Canada, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction with the deportation, but warned the case "demonstrates the urgent need for Canada to implement effective criminal proceedings against suspected Nazi war criminals." David Mats, its senior legal counsel, said: "The current process means war criminals can enter Canada and delay, if not evade, deportation. The only effective remedy is the implementation of effective criminal proceedings for war crimes. Canada will avoid being a safe haven for Nazi and other war criminals currently on the run only if they know they will be tried here in criminal court for the offenses they have committed." Zuroff, who has tracked down several hundred Nazi collaborators from Latvia and Lithuania who escaped to Australia after World War II, said that one problem in getting the Australians to act was that they closed the special investigation unit which worked on such cases in 1992. An Australian Embassy official said she knew of the situation but lacked enough details to comment.

Bonn urged to pay Holocaust claims

By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

BONN (Reuters) - Germany should make long-overdue restitution payments to Eastern European survivors quickly, before the elderly Holocaust victims die, Israel Singer, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress and leader of claims delegation to Bonn, said yesterday. He said time is running out for many who never received any compensation for their suffering. "We are fighting the clock, the biological clock," Singer told Reuters before the start of two-day negotiations with senior German government officials. "The average age of the Holocaust survivors is now over 80. This gives us very little time to resolve the issue. It's five minutes after 12." Singer said Germany had treated victims of the Holocaust more generously and honorably. He said the Jewish Claims Conference (JCC) would press Bonn to treat Eastern European survivors the same way. "We are here to deal with those cases that have not yet been dealt with," Singer said, adding that he had received assurances of support from Chancellor Helmut Kohl. "We are very optimistic. We have great hopes that these talks will indeed serve to deal with those people who are aging rapidly."

Singer said the delegation, made up of officials from the US, Israel, and Eastern Europe, would discuss the issue with Chancellery Minister Friedrich Bohl today. Other meetings are planned with Finance Ministry officials. Herbert Schmuelling, a government spokesman, said Bonn is also eager to reach a quick settlement with the survivors. Germany has paid about DM 100 billion in compensation to victims of Nazi crimes and injustice, but Holocaust victims in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union were excluded from remuneration during the Cold War. After the collapse of communism, lobby groups said that Eastern European victims were paid only a fraction of the amounts given to Western victims. They argue that even though Germany set funds aside for them, this only amounted to a maximum of DM 1,000 in one-time payments, while people living in Germany received about DM 500 a month. Many victims' groups have been further angered by reports that Germany has been paying supplementary pensions worth billions of marks each year to Nazi war criminals. Bonn says Germany had set aside DM 1.5b. for Jewish Holocaust survivors in Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, and argued that these hard-currency payments went far in the poor economies of the former eastern bloc. But campaigners complain that victims in some countries have received no payments at all.



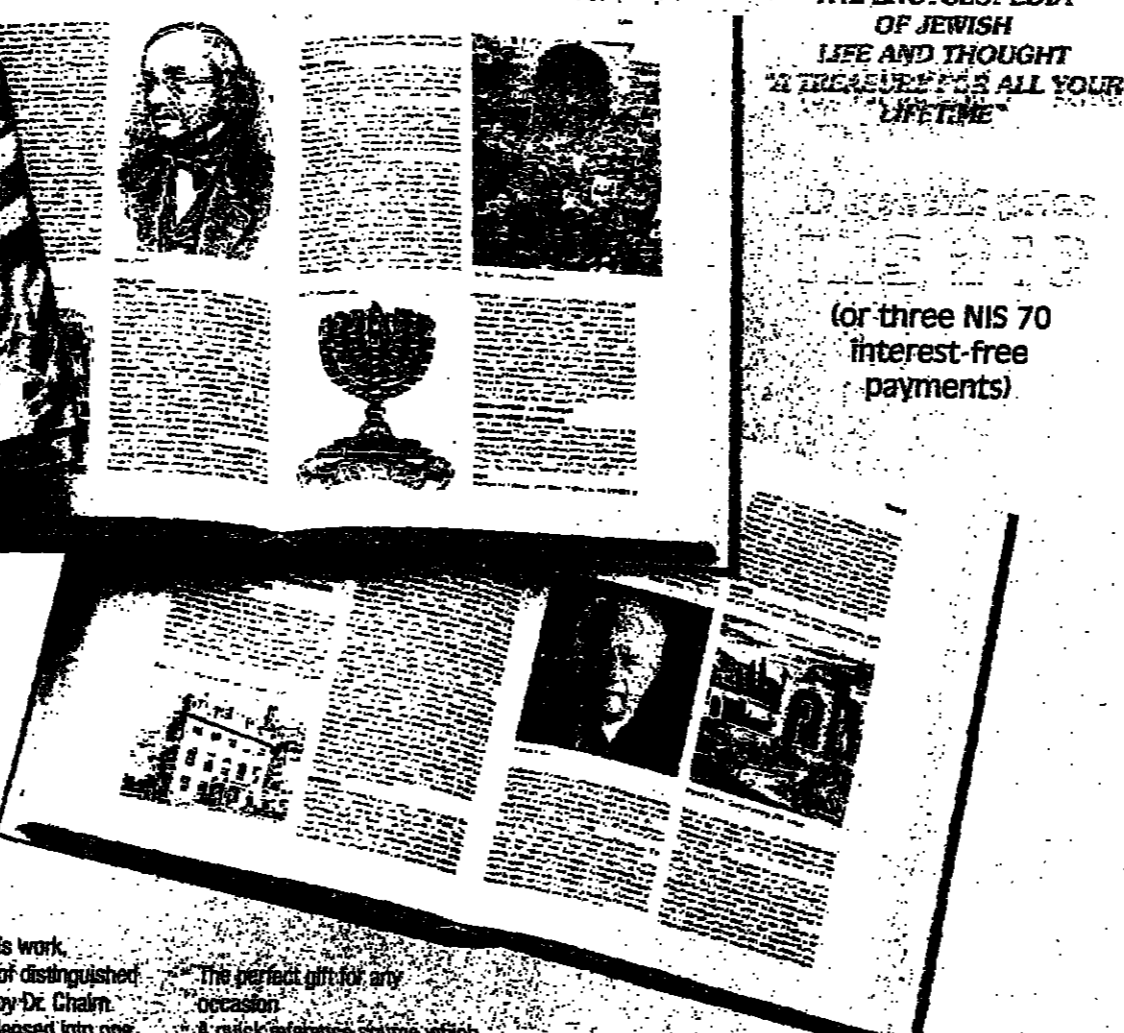
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Rishon youth is European chess champ

Alex Kondin, 16, of Rishon LeZion, won the gold medal late Monday night in the European chess championship for youth up to age 16, held in Tallinn, Estonia. He won seven out of nine games, and drew the other two, playing against all the leading young chess masters of Europe. Kondin is a former silver medalist in the European under-12 class. Three months ago, he won the Israeli qualifying round for the 16-and-under competition with a rare nine victories in nine games. Kondin is to represent Israel in the up-to-16 world championships in Yerevan, Armenia, in September. Michael Roiz, of Beersheba, won the silver medal in the up-to-14 European championships, also in Estonia.

Book: Top German doctors experimented on human beings

BONN (Reuters) - Hundreds of German doctors who performed cruel medical experiments on human beings during the Nazi era moved unpunished into post-war careers, according to a new book. Ernst Klee, author of 'Auschwitz: The Nazi Doctors and their Victims,' said in an interview with ARD television yesterday that other physicians emigrated to the US to take up research jobs. "The elite of the medical profession was involved, that can be proven," he said. "With these experiments, they laid the basis for their careers." Typical experiments included the injection of concentration camp inmates with the typhoid virus, limb amputations, and causing death by exposure to extreme cold. One German physician who Klee said had cut off the legs of female camp inmates for experimental purposes is still occupying a highly paid research post at a German pharmaceutical group. "He earns more each month than his victims were able to earn in the rest of their lives," Klee said. "Hundreds of people were, if they survived at all, turned into life-long invalids." He didn't identify the doctor. Klee said the initial lack of evidence about experiments on humans and the Nazi euthanasia program meant very few doctors and other medical workers came before the Nuremberg war crime trials. The most infamous Nazi doctor of all, so-called "Angel of Death" Josef Mengele, is believed to have escaped to Argentina and to have lived there until 1979. He performed hundreds of gruesome medical experiments on twins, gypsies, and dwarfs at the Auschwitz camp between 1943 and 1944, in an effort to produce a German "master race." Klee said the extent to which the German medical profession had participated in Nazi war crimes is at least as significant as the continuing examinations of the role played by other parts of German industry. German banks have recently been urged to secure an agreement with Holocaust victims and reveal their role in the "Aryanization" program that stripped Jews of their money and other assets. Insurer Allianz AG is meanwhile trying to secure an agreement with Holocaust victims who are part of a US class action against 16 European insurance firms. Holocaust victims say they are owed billions of dollars on policies signed during the Nazi period.

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